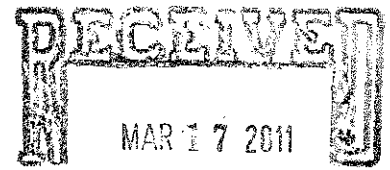




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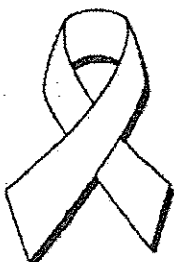
Dixon, IL – The Illinois Department of Transportation announces today that weather permitting, construction work on IL 251 (North Second Street) in Rockford and Loves Park will begin on Monday, March 21, 2011. Sjostrom & Sons is starting the \$10 million project to replace the bridges on IL 251 over Spring Creek Road and carrying Forest Hills Road over IL 251.

Drivers need to be alert for lane closures on IL 251 and on Spring Creek/Auburn. There will also be ramp closures at the Spring Creek Road interchange. The bridge from Forest Hills Road to southbound IL 251 will be completely closed for 30 days, from July 5th to August 5th. The entire project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.

As construction progresses, the ramps at the Spring Creek Road interchange will be re-opened and different ramps closed. Drivers should be alert for the changing traffic conditions that will be announced on the changeable message boards for the construction sites.

Motorists are reminded to slow down and drive carefully through all construction zones.

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